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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in th application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device having a primary game comprising:

a plurality of independently operable identical sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;

a plurality of identical sets of symbols on each of said sets of reels;

exclusively

paylines associated with each of said sets of reels, wherein the paylines associated with each of said sets of reels are not associated with any of the reels in any of the other of said sets of reels each said payline is associated with one of said sets of reels and each set of reels has at least one of said paylines associated with said set of reels;

a display device adapted to simultaneously display said sets of reels; and

a processor which communicates with said display device, which enables a the player to wager on said paylines associated with said plurality of sets of reels, which evaluates each of said sets of reels wagered on by the player for winning combinations of said symbols on any of said paylines and which provides payouts to the player based on the combinations of symbols and the player's wager.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines.